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HOUSE INTERIM COMMITTEE ON HIGHER EDUCATION

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Committee Recommendations

Higher Education in this nation is facing difficult times. Budgets are tight, enrollments are unstable, revenues are shifting. Recent national reports have called upon leaders to reexamine the missions and priorities of colleges and universities. One recent report, The Carnegie Report on Higher Education, offers findings worthy of legislative review. This Interim Committee is thus faced with a need to continue its efforts aimed at improving higher education in Missouri.

Recommendations for Lincoln University

1. The Interim Committee expects the Board of Curators of Lincoln University, acting on the recommendations of the management team, to:

a) Develop and implement a plan to reduce present expenditures in non-academic and administrative staffing by \$800,000 during the current fiscal year.

b) Develop a plan to reallocate one million dollars of administrative expenditures into the instructional programming of the institution.

c) Develop an institutional plans for the next two to four years that specify the institution's academic priorities.

2. The Interim Committee, after review of the progress made toward successful attainment of the goals established under recommendation No.1, supports the supplemental request for \$250,000 for the interim management team at Lincoln University.

3. The Interim Committee, if approved by the Speaker of the House, will reconvene early in the 1987 legislative session and invite the Board of Curators of Lincoln University to address the Committee and provide a status report on the University and the efforts of the management team.

General Recommendations

- 1) The Interim Committee, with the approval of the Speaker, will review and consider the recent Carnegie Report on Higher Education and its implications for higher education in Missouri.
- 2) The Interim Committee will request authorization from the Speaker of the House to continue with the review of institutions of higher education in the state to ensure that the problems with which this committee has been dealing are not developing at Missouri's other institutions of higher education.
3. With authorization for continuance, the Interim Committee will:
 - a) Review the independent audits (financial statements and management letters) of all of the state's public institutions.
 - b) Review the program priorities of all of the state's public institutions with particular attention to expenditures associated with those priorities.
 - c) Review the administrative expenditures and growth pattern of those expenditures of all of the state's public institutions.
 - d) Reserve the authority to request an additional audit of any institution based on this review.
4. The Interim Committee recommends that all public institutions maintain reserve funds to increase the stability of these institutions.

Specific Recommendations

The Interim Committee will develop and co-sponsor legislation to:

- a) prohibit deficits in operating budgets at all public four-year institutions; and
- b) provide for removal of governing board members by the Governor where deficits exist.

Interim Committee on Higher Education

All meetings of the Committee were held in Jefferson City, Missouri, in the Capitol. The meeting dates and attendance report follows:

| 7/15 | 7/16 | 7/17 | 9/3 | 9/4 | 11/6 |
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